

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

**16 AUGUST 1962
TOP SECRET**

1. Indonesia

We have no reports of incidents or infiltrations since the agreement with the Dutch was signed yesterday, but would be far from surprised if more occurred.

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2. Ghana-Togo

a.

the recent attempt on Nkrumah was undertaken by two Ghanaians who had been provided with rifles and grenades by Togo's Interior Minister, apparently with the blessing of President Olympio.

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3. USSR

a. Today Pravda announced the firing of the party secretary of Rostov oblast in southern Russia. This would seem to put the clincher on a series of reports and rumors which have circulated for several weeks concerning disturbances in one of the principal towns of this oblast in early June.

b. [redacted]

[redacted] a demonstration protesting food prices was suppressed with heavy casualties. The Soviets have kept foreigners out of the area ever since on one pretext or another.

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4. Argentina

a. The final coup d'etat still hangs in the balance. There appears to be some faint hope of a constitutional solution, but the downward trend continues.

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5. Iraq-Turkey

On several recent occasions Iraqi fighters, apparently having difficulty locating Kurdish rebel targets, have attacked Turkish border villages. Initially the Turks registered protests, but after another incident early today patrolling Turkish fighters either forced or shot down one of the Iraqi planes. Tempers and relations will undoubtedly be strained.

USIB WATCH COMMITTEE CONCLUSIONS -- 15 August 1962

No Sino-Soviet Bloc country intends to initiate direct military action in the immediate future.

The Soviets have continued in recent statements to convey a tone of greater urgency regarding Berlin, but there has been no change in their basic line or any real evidence of an early peace treaty. Recent Soviet and East German security precautions, including some measures at border installations taken just prior to the 13 August anniversary, would also be consistent with preparations for further harassments; however, we have noted no military or security activity during the past week indicating that the Communists intend to precipitate a major crisis in the immediate future.

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- B. A series of minor harassments of US marine sentries at Guantanamo last week suggests a possible Cuban effort to provoke an incident. Stones have been thrown; there have been several minor intrusions at night, and there was one episode in which a Cuban sentry pointed his rifle at a marine while shouting at him.

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On Tuesday a number of naval vessels were ordered to get steam up and be ready to get under way--presumably to avoid trouble in port.

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- D. Sihanouk, in a press conference Tuesday on the recent Thai-Cambodian border clashes, threatened to seek protection from the Bloc and appeared to be putting some of the blame on the US for Thai "aggression." The Cambodians are taking the matter most seriously, and at the least they clearly desire that we put pressure on the Thais.

DOCUMENTS OF INTEREST

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